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*Greenbrier Independent.*

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THURSDAY, MAY 22ND, 1890.

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**LOCAL MATTERS.**

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JOHN A. BLAKER, Esq., of Blue Sulphur district, has been appointed attorney public.

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J. L. Wright has returned home  
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E. P. Rucker, of Mercer county,  
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... Dr. Wm. P. Rucker, near this

A. Preston, Esq., is on a business  
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Nellie Smith, of Charleston, ar-  
... in Lewisburg last Friday as the  
... of Mrs. Geo. T. Argabrite.

Lizzie Travis, of Cincinnati, is  
... her sisters, Mrs. D. R. Thomas,  
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... L. F. Mathews returned from  
... business trip to North Carolina.  
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B. Mason is with his family  
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... of these tracts of land are situ-  
ated on and near to the Lewisburg and  
Marlin's Bottom Turnpike, about 2  
miles north of the town of Frankford,  
in Falling Spring district. These lands  
are convenient to school-house, and  
each tract is furnished with a good  
dwelling and out-buildings.

TERMS OF SALE:  
Cash on day of sale sufficient to pay  
costs of suit and expenses of sale, and  
the balance in two equal instalments,  
payable in 6 and 12 months, respectively,  
from day of sale, with interest from  
day of sale, the purchaser executing his  
bonds therefor, with good security.

L. J. WILLIAMS,  
Special Commissioner.

Bond given and approved as require  
by law.

JONATHAN MAYS,  
May 15-4w. Clerk.

### Commissioner's Sale of Land.

PURSUANT to a decree of the Circuit  
Court of Greenbrier county, re-  
ndered at its April term, 1890, in the  
case of Alex. F. Mathews, plaintiff, against  
W. S. Rader et als., defendants, I will  
sell, at public auction, to the high-  
bidder, in front of the hotel of Jan-  
H. Stratton, in the town of Lewisbur-  
on

*Saturday, the 21st day of June, 1890*  
the following lands, viz:

1, A tract of 44 acres, in William-  
burg district, in said county, near W-  
limsburg, being that part of the S.  
Williams land laid off and assigned  
said decree to said W. S. Rader. This  
is first-class land and will make an  
excellent small farm.

2, A tract of 88 acres, the residu-  
what is known as the "Tuckw-  
Tract," also situated in said county  
district.

#### TERMS OF SALE.

Cash in hand sufficient to pay  
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N. B.—By the terms of said decre-  
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ALEX. F. MATHEWS,  
Special Commissioner.

I certify that the above named C-  
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THURSDAY, DEC. 18TH, 1890.

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*NEXT* Sunday will be the shortest day of the year.

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*A SPECIAL* term of Monroe Circuit Court has been called to

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English ; judgment of Circuit Court reversed and case remanded. A motion for a rehearing was docketed in *Fleshman's Administrator vs. Fleshman*.

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### **Bad Mail Service.**

What on the earth is the matter with the mails between Lewisburg and Huntersville? About two weeks ago we wrote a letter to a gentleman at Huntersville on an important matter of business. A few days since we received an answer saying that our letter had been delayed a week on the way. Somebody is at fault, and such carelessness or inattention to the public business should be investigated. There is, too, an abominable schedule on this route resulting in great delay in the delivery of mail matter intended for points beyond Marlinton. We understand that a petition will be sent on asking for a change, and we hope it may be made, as there is much complaint of the present arrangement.

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